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FROM COMMERCE

SUBJ: TIMING AND AGENDA FOR FIFTH U. S.- KOREAN COMMERCE
MINISTERS MEETING

REF: SEOUL A-65, 2/16/73

1. SECRETARY DENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN JOINT U. S.- JAPAN
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (ECONCOM IX)
MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 27-29 IN TOKYO. ECONCOM
DATES NOT YET FIRM AND SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED TO ROKG.

2. IN ANTICIPATION POSSIBILITY THAT SECRETARY DENT MAY EXTEND
TRIP TO PROCEED FROM TOKYO TO SEOUL FOR FIFTH MINISTERIAL,
REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS SOONEST ON AGENDA ITEMS, PARTICULARLY
TOPICS OF INTEREST TO ROKG. OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT EMBASSY
HAD IN PAST EXPLORED WITH MCI POSSIBILITY OF STREAMLINING
AGENDA DOWN TO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

3. POSSIBLE TIMING MINISTERIAL MEETING DISCUSSED DURING
ROK AMBASSADOR KIM CALL ON SECRETARY DENT APRIL 6. SECRETARY
TOLD KIM TRADE LEGISLATION AND OTHER BUSINESS MADE IT
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DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT AT
THIS TIME BUT THAT HE WOULD ADVISE KIM OF POSSIBLE TIMING AT
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
GDS ROGERS

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